

August 24 – 26, the National Park Service will offer a ranger-led sculpture workshop at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Participants will have the opportunity to carve their own works of art in alabaster stone. The workshop will take place in the historic former studio of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of Mount Rushmore. The workshop venue will provide participants a scenic view of the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore.

Dustin Baker, a Park Ranger and Mount Rushmore's sculptor in residence, will be teaching the workshop. Baker is a professional artist and will provide personalized advice on how to create your own sculpture from the early conceptual stage to completion. Artists of all skill level and age are welcome to register. Experience firsthand the satisfaction of making art in stone using only a hammer and chisel. The workshop is designed to be educational and entertaining, allowing participants to explore their own creativity, with Mount Rushmore National Memorial serving as an inspirational backdrop.

Classes will begin each day at 9:00 AM and end at 3:45 PM. There are only eight spaces available and registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. It is suggested that participants come prepared with a preconceived design that is achievable in the three-day timeframe.

The workshop is free of charge*, including tools and materials. It is strongly encouraged that anyone who registers be able to attend all three days. Participants may keep their sculpture if they attend each session. Participants are invited to bring a sack lunch or eat at the Carver's Café on the Memorial grounds. Those attending should be prepared to endure long periods of standing and being outside. Be aware that the possibility of injury is always present when working with tools and heavy stone. Please provide your own safety gear (dust mask, goggles, and gloves). It is required that safety goggles and dust masks be worn to carve.

To register for the workshop, call (605) 574-3181, and provide your contact information. Space availability is limited to eight participants.

*\$11 parking fee applies

Starting August 31st to September 28th, The National Park Service will be offering a ranger-led clay sculpting workshop every Thursday and Saturday at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The workshop will take place in the historic former studio of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of Mount Rushmore. The workshop venue will provide participants a scenic view of the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore.

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Classes begin at 11:30 AM and end at 3:45 PM. There are only eight spaces available and registration is on a first-come first-serve basis.

The workshop is free of charge, including tools and materials. It is strongly encouraged that anyone who registers be able to attend all four hours. Participants may keep their sculpture if they attend the entire session. Participants are invited to bring a sack lunch or eat at the Carver's Café on the Memorial grounds. Those attending should be prepared to endure long periods of standing and being outside. Be aware that the possibility of injury is always present when working with tools. Wear clothes that may get dirty or stained.